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COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES SET FOR ATSC 3.0 SUNSETS FNPRM

MB Docket No. 16-142

Comment Date: August 8, 2022 Reply Comment Date: September 6, 2022

On June 22, 2022, the Commission released a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on the state of the Next Generation Television ("Next Gen TV" or "ATSC 3.0") transition and on the scheduled sunsets of two rules adopted in the *First Next Gen TV Report and Order*. The *ATSC 3.0 Sunsets FNPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days, respectively, after publication of the *NPRM* in the Federal Register.²

By this *Public Notice*, the Media Bureau announces that the *ATSC 3.0 Sunsets FNPRM* was published in the Federal Register on July 7, 2022.³ Comments must be submitted no later than August 8, 2022. Reply Comments must be submitted no later than September 6, 2022. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in the *ATSC 3.0 Sunsets FNPRM*.⁴ The *ATSC 3.0 Sunsets FNPRM* is also available on the Commission's website.⁵

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¹ Authorizing Permissive Use of the "Next Generation" Broadcast Television Standard, GN Docket No. 16-142, Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 22-47 (rel. Jun. 22, 2022) (ATSC 3.0 Sunsets FNPRM). More specifically, the Commission first reviews and seeks comment on the progress of Next Gen TV broadcasters' voluntary, market-driven deployment of ATSC 3.0 service and the current state of the ATSC 3.0 marketplace, including whether holders of essential patents for the ATSC 3.0 standards are licensing such patents on reasonable and non-discriminatory (RAND) terms. Next, the Commission seeks comment on the scheduled 2023 sunset of the rule requiring that a Next Gen TV station's ATSC 1.0 simulcast primary video programming stream be "substantially similar" to its 3.0 primary programming stream. Finally, the Commission seeks comment on the scheduled 2023 sunset of the requirement that a Next Gen TV station comply with the ATSC A/322 standard.

² See id. at 1.

³ ATSC 3.0 Sunsets FNPRM, 87 Fed. Reg. 40464 (July. 7, 2022).

⁴ See ATSC 3.0 Sunsets FNPRM at para. 37.

⁵ See https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-seeks-comment-deployment-next-generation-ty-technology.